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## **Representative LaKeshia Myers Issues Statement on the Passing Of Congressman John Lewis**

MADISON –Representative LaKeshia Myers (D-Milwaukee) released the following statement regarding the passing of civil rights icon and longtime Congressman, John Lewis:

“I am deeply saddened by the passing of Congressman John Lewis. Congressman Lewis was not only a civil rights icon, he was the standard bearer for equity and inclusion. I had the unique opportunity of working closely with the Congressman during the 110<sup>th</sup> Congress as he introduced H.R. 2522, the Congressional Commission on the Abolition of Modern-Day Slavery Act. It was during this time that I was able to experience in the flesh, that which I had only previously read about in textbooks and seen on television; Congressman Lewis’ passion, candor, and belief that all people, regardless of circumstance should be treated fairly. Through legislation, the Congressman drove the United States’ moral obligation to limit its engagement with countries who utilized child and/or slave labor.

While Rep. Lewis’ voice will be missed on the front lines of the civil rights struggle and in the halls of Congress, he has inspired, motivated, and mentored many of us to continue the fight. His legacy is one that is rich, with tangible assets that aid not only the 5<sup>th</sup> District of Georgia but the entire world. I offer my sincerest condolences to Congressman Lewis’ family, his congressional staff, and the entire state of Georgia. Tonight, we mourn with you and we stand with you in continuing the fight for justice.”

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